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SUBJECT: GERMANY H1N1 UPDATE: German Cases Triple This Week

REF: A) Berlin 889, B) Berlin 884 and previous.

11. (U) SUMMARY: The number of confirmed H1N1 cases in Germany has more than tripled this week. The one-day rise was 389 cases to a total of 2,844 on July 24. The majority of new infections occurred abroad, mainly during travel to Spain.
END SUMMARY.

12. (U) The number of confirmed virus cases in Germany has more than tripled compared to Friday of last week when 834 people had tested positive for the virus. According to the National Reference Center for Influenza at the Robert Koch Institute (RKI), the increase in the number of infections is mainly due to people returning from vacation (320 new cases), with most of them reportedly infected while on holiday in Spain.

13. (U) RKI announced in its press briefing July 24, 389 new laboratory-confirmed cases of H1N1. This increases the total number of H1N1 infections in Germany to 2,844. New cases were distributed among all sixteen federal states: Lower-Saxony (165), Hesse (37), Bavaria (32), Baden-Wuerttemberg (23), North Rhine-Westphalia (21), Thuringia (20), Berlin (17), Saarland (17), Rhineland-Palatinate (14), Saxony (12), Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (10), Brandenburg (8), Saxony-Anhalt (6), Bremen (3), Hamburg (2) and Schleswig-Holstein (2).

North Rhine-Westphalia reaches the 1,000 mark

14. (U) North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW) remains the German state with the highest number of virus cases with 964 (34 percent of German cases). However, media reports indicate that over 1,000 people in NRW are infected with the virus, citing figures from the state institute of health and labor in Muenster which has confirmed 1,195 cases. Over 700 cases reportedly occurred from travel abroad. Another major share is related to the outbreak at a Japanese school in Duesseldorf in June where 79 people were confirmed to be infected with the new virus.

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